

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, first paragraph:

The present invention relates to a flanged connection for fixing a gas-filled spring in a machine tool ~~according to the pre-characterising part of claim 1.~~

Page 1, second paragraph:

The invention also relates to a method of fixing a gas-filled spring in a machine tool ~~according to the pre-characterising part of claim 10.~~

Page 2, second full paragraph:

An object of the present invention is to provide an improved flanged connection and method of fixing a gas-filled spring in a machine tool. ~~This has been achieved by a flanged connection and a method having the characteristic features specified in the characterising parts of claims 1 and 10 respectively.~~